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# MILITARY LICENSE PLATES

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## Armed Forces Reserves Illinois National Guard

Any Illinois resident who is an active or former member of the Illinois National Guard or Armed Forces Reserves, or who is a surviving spouse, may apply. Documentation showing current and/or former guard/reserve status, such as a letter from the commanding officer, DD214 (discharge from military service) verifying reserve record or a copy of orders, is required.

## Bronze Star/Silver Star

Any Illinois resident who has been awarded the Bronze Star or Silver Star medal, or who is a surviving spouse, may apply. A photocopy of DD214 verifying receipt of medal or a letter from the Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs or federal government verifying service record is required.

## Congressional Medal of Honor

Any Illinois resident who has been awarded this medal, or who is a surviving spouse, may apply. A form from the federal government or letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs verifying receipt of medal is required.

## Disabled Veteran

Any U.S. Armed Forces veteran who has a 100 percent military disability and who is eligible to receive a federal grant toward the purchase of a vehicle may apply. Vehicles displaying these plates may park in spaces reserved for persons with disabilities. A letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs verifying the applicant is 100 percent military-service disabled and eligible for a federal grant toward the purchase of a vehicle is required.

## Ex-Prisoner of War

Any U.S. citizen who was a prisoner of war and is a present or former member of the U.S. Armed Forces or any of its allies may apply. The name of the ex-POW must appear as owner or co-owner on both the title and registration applications. The widowed spouse of an ex-POW is eligible, provided the spouse was married to the ex-POW at the time of death and is single at the time of application. A form from the federal government or letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs verifying ex-POW status is required.





## Gold Star

Any Illinois resident who is the surviving widow, widower or parent of a person who served in the U.S. Armed Forces and lost his/her life while serving during peacetime or war may apply. The surviving widow/widower and each surviving parent, or in the absence of a surviving parent, one surviving sibling may be issued one set of plates.

## Korean War Veteran

Any Illinois resident who served in the U.S. Armed Forces between June 27, 1950, and July 27, 1954, within the territorial limits of Korea, in water immediately adjacent thereto, or who has been awarded the Korean War Service Medal may apply. A photocopy of DD214 indicating Korean War Service Medal status or a letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs or federal government verifying service record is required.

## Marine Corps

Any Illinois veteran who is an active or former member of the U.S. Marine Corps may apply. A photocopy of DD214, military ID card or a letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs or federal government verifying military service is required.

## Pearl Harbor Survivor

Any Illinois resident who served at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, as a member of the U.S. Armed Forces may apply. The widowed spouse of a Pearl Harbor survivor is eligible, provided the spouse was married to the Pearl Harbor survivor at the time of death and single at the time of application. A letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs or federal government verifying presence on the island of Oahu or aboard a ship within three miles of the island during the attack is required.

## POW/MIA

These plates honor Illinois residents who were Prisoners of War or Missing in Action while a member of the U.S. Armed Forces. No special military documentation is required.

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## Purple Heart

Any Illinois resident who has been awarded the military's Purple Heart medal, or who is a surviving spouse, may apply. A photocopy of DD214 or a letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs or federal government verifying receipt of the Purple Heart is required.

## Retired Armed Forces

Any Illinois resident who is a retired member of the U.S. Armed Forces may apply. A photocopy of DD Form 2 verifying full retirement status is required. Members of the Armed Forces Reserves or Illinois National Guard who have not reached age 60 must submit a copy of DD Form 2 and documentation showing transfer to retired status.

## Universal Veteran

Any Illinois resident who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces may apply. Branch of service and/or theater of action decals are available through the American Legion, Department of the Adjutant. A photocopy of DD214 or a letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs or federal government verifying military service is required.

## Vietnam Veteran

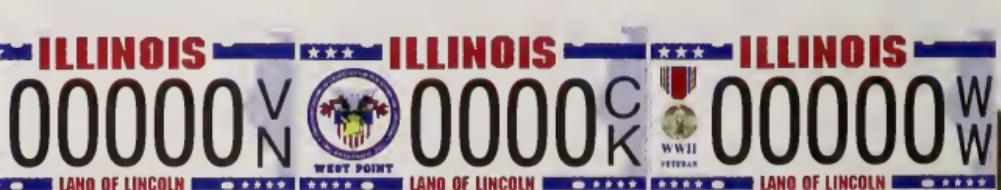
Any Illinois resident who served in the Vietnam conflict may apply. A photocopy of DD214 verifying Vietnam Service medal status or a letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs or federal government verifying service record is required.

## West Point Bicentennial

These plates commemorate the 200th anniversary of the founding of West Point Military Academy in New York. No special military documentation is required.

## World War II Veteran

Any Illinois resident who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II may apply. A photocopy of DD214 verifying military service between Dec. 7, 1941, and Sept. 2, 1945, or a letter from the Department of Veterans' Affairs or federal government verifying service record is required.



Having served in the U.S. Armed Forces — first as a paratrooper in the Army's 101st Airborne Division, then later as a member of the Illinois National Guard, I understand the sacrifices veterans have made for our country and share their pride.



My office offers several military license plates to honor those who have served this great country. If you qualify for any of these special military plate categories, I encourage you to proudly display these plates on your vehicle and get the recognition you deserve.

*Jesse White*

**Jesse White**  
**Secretary of State**

## Registration Information

If your current plates expire within 90 days, submit:

- preprinted renewal application or registration application
- documentation required for the relevant plate category
- proof of ownership
- annual registration and other applicable fees
- \$29 replacement fee (plus applicable original issuance fees)

If your current plates do not expire within 90 days, submit:

- registration application
- documentation required for the relevant plate category
- current registration ID card
- \$29 replacement fee (plus applicable original issuance fees)

## Additional Fees

- An additional \$15 fee is required for the original issuance of Korean War Veteran, World War II Veteran, Vietnam Veteran, West Point Bicentennial and Universal Veteran plates.
- An additional \$20 fee is required for the original issuance and renewal of Marine Corps plates.
- An additional \$2 fee is required upon renewal of POW/MIA and West Point Bicentennial plates.

## **Military License Plates Facts**

- Titles, transfers, duplicate registration cards and replacement license plates are subject to standard fees.
- Military plates may be displayed on passenger vehicles, trucks, vans weighing 8,000 pounds or less and motorcycles (except the Gold Star).
- Any applicant who receives a grant under the Circuit Breaker Program may apply for a reduced registration fee (except for Congressional Medal of Honor, Ex-Prisoner of War and West Point Bicentennial plates).
- Military plates issued for motorcycles are the same size as passenger vehicle plates, except U.S. Veteran plates.

### **For More Information:**

#### **Illinois Secretary of State**

Non-Standard Plates Section  
501 S. Second St., Rm. 541  
Springfield, IL 62756  
217-785-4175

#### **Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs**

833 S. Spring St.  
Springfield, IL 62794-9432  
217-782-3418

#### **Veterans Administration Regional Office**

536 S. Clark St.  
Chicago, IL 60605  
312-663-5519

#### **National Personnel Records Center**

9700 Page Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63132

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